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The efforts of some people to live without work are very trying.

Most any old woman is worth her weight in gold in the Klondike.

Two of the world's mightiest men Bismark and Gladstone, are lying at death's door.

The best way to end the Cuban question peacefully is for the European powers to get together and advise Spain to evacuate the island as promptly as may be.

SOUTH CAROLINA negroes are offering their services in large numbers and companies are being organized to be in readiness in case of war with Spain.

The war scare has stopped the Klondike romancers. As soon as peace is restored we presume the usual lies will follow about the quantities of gold being taken out in the Klondike.

A number of banks in St. Paul and near by Minnesota towns have been victimized out of \$3,000,000 or more by means of fraudulent time checks on the Government. The Government will investigate, but will not reimburse the banks.

DURING the last century 19,840,900 men were killed in Europe and the United States in battle. Almost every century since the dawn of history has seen slaughter by wholesale. In the wars of the Cimbrians and Teutons in the battles of Attila, back as far as the Trojan war, every century has shown a frightful prodigality in butchery.

The quickest courtship and marriage on record occurred at Fort Worth, Texas. H. J. Isaacs, of Amarilla, Texas met Miss Grace Graves, of Gainesville, at a cattle convention, and in less than ten minutes from the time they set eyes on each other he proposed, was accepted and in less than two hours they were made man and wife.

IX Cuba the insurgents want nothing less than full control of the island. In Spain the Carlists demand full Spanish control of the island. Under the crazy-quilt plan of patching up the present difficulties, what is the Madrid Ministry going to do with the probable rebellion at home? Will the "good offices" of President McKinley be invoked to quell riots in Madrid, for example.

There is no nation in Europe which is so illiterate as Spain, with the single exception of Italy. Of Spain's entire population 68 per cent can neither read nor write. That is worse than the negroes of the United States, the per cent of whom that cannot read or write is 56; while of our native white population only 6 per cent cannot read or write, and taking the whole population, negroes and foreign immigrants included, only 13 per cent cannot read or write. Yet we hear a great deal about the pride of Spain.

At the last session of the general assembly of Virginia a law was passed fixing a penalty for neglecting or failing to list bonds with the assessor for taxation. The penalty prescribed in the act for such failing or neglect is the forfeiture of all right to bring suit upon such bonds or notes until they shall be listed for taxation and the taxes paid on them for the years that they were not listed with fifty per cent of the amount of the taxes added to the original assessment. This act applies to all bonds exceeding in amount one hundred dollars.

Important Naval Engines.

With the announcement that Spain's torpedo boat flotilla is on its way to Porto Rico in readiness for action, our attention is directed to the size and number of the vessels composing the flotilla, and also to the nature and efficiency of torpedo boats in general.

The flotilla is composed of six members, exclusive of the escort. Three are torpedo boats proper and three torpedo boat destroyers. One draws 450 tons, two draw 406 tons each and three draw 120 tons each; four carry seventy-two men each and two carry twenty-six men each. They are constructed on the latest patterns, and are dangerous war engines, but we can more than match them in our own corresponding vessels.

But what of the efficacy of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers in naval engagements? In response to this question we make use of some

data recently compiled by the Chicago Times-Herald, from which it appears that these vessels will constitute the most important factor in pending conflicts upon the high seas. This authority states that most naval experts agree in the opinion that torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers will be used almost exclusively in the more decisive work of naval engagements.

The average torpedo boat varies in size from 125 to 400 tons, and is equipped with powerful propelling machinery. Ordinarily, it carries five torpedo tubes, one in the bow and two on either side, from which torpedoes are launched either by electricity or by compressed air. In the improved torpedo boats, electrical devices for propelling are used almost exclusively, and with the aid of these devices torpedoes can be projected from 300 to 350 yards. Torpedo boat destroyers are much heavier than torpedo boats, but are equipped with similar machinery for launching torpedoes. In addition they are armed with rapid-fire guns and searchlights. The value which Great Britain places upon such craft is made evident from the fact that she has recently built 190 torpedo boats and 103 torpedo boat destroyers.

If war between Spain and the United States occurs, we may confidently expect that much of its destructive interest will center about the craft which we have just described.

Some Interesting Facts About Cuba.

Cuba is the largest and most western of the group of islands called the West Indies and situated in the Caribbean Sea.

It is 114 miles from Yucatan, 96 miles from Florida, 105 miles from Jamaica and 45 miles from Hayti.

Cuba resembles somewhat the arc of a circle. Its greatest length from east to west is 750 miles and its greatest breadth, which is in the eastern part, is 100 miles; its least breadth is in the province of Havana and is 22 miles; its average breadth is 50 miles.

Around the island are innumerable islets, keys and banks, facilitating navigation for vessels of small draft, but dangerous in many places for large vessels.

The southern coast is covered with a species of brushwood called mangroves, the bark of which is used for tanning. At high tide this land is inundated, and when the water recedes the rotted vegetable matter produces marsh and other infections.

A chain of mountains like a backbone traverses Cuba from east to west, only a few isolated groups being of much height until it reaches the eastern coast in the province of Santiago de Cuba, where it joins a group called Sierra del Cobre, with peaks 8,000 feet high.

The rivers are navigable only in the eastern part of the island.

Vast caves are to be found on the island.

In the city of Havana the death rate is 3 per cent, or less than that of Naples, Valparaiso and other places. The death rate in other sections of the island is no greater.

The whole of the island is habitable for people of temperate and even cold climates, provided they do not drink to excess or eat unripe fruits and observe general sanitary rules.

The census of 1887 gave a population of 1,053,000 whites and 528,000 blacks. The present population is estimated at about one-third black.

The months from the beginning of May to October are called the wet season, though rain falls every month in the year. With May spring begins on the island.

The forests of Cuba are of vast extent, and some are so dense that they are almost impenetrable.

Havana is a city of 220,000 inhabitants, with fine promenades, boulevards and streets, first-class hotels with restaurants, which are claimed to be equal to those of New York, Paris, Buenos Ayres, etc.

In the Cathedral at Havana are buried the remains of Christopher Columbus and his son, Diego.

Mantanzas, Puerto and Santiago de Cuba are cities the next in importance and have 40,000 inhabitants each. The next largest city is Cienfuegos, with 25,000.

Every kind of vegetation peculiar to the tropics grows with extraordinary luxuriance. Some canefields have yielded abundant crops annually for twenty years. Corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes and various oleaginous herbaceous plants produce two and three crops a year.

The banana in all its varieties is an important article of domestic consumption and of export.

Sugar and tobacco are the chief elements of the agricultural wealth of the island.

There are more than 1,000 miles of railroad track in Cuba, and steamers connect the island with a dozen different parts of the world.

Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba have cable connections. The telegraph and telephone lines are controlled by the Government.

If You Wish to Be Well

You must fortify your system against the attacks of disease. Your blood must be kept pure, your stomach and digestive organs in order, your appetite good. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to build you up, purify and enrich your blood and give you strength. It creates an appetite and gives digestive power.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Now that the uncertainty is over there is less excitement in Washington than there has been at any time since the news of the blowing up of the Maine was received. It was not the probability of war that caused the excitement, but the fear that in some way tricky Spanish diplomacy would get the best of us without giving us an opportunity to fight. That fear existed more or less up to the moment that the die was cast by the President's message asking Congress to provide for immediate forcible intervention to drive the Spanish flag out of Cuba. Although the official announcement of an armistice in Cuba declared by Spain is generally believed to be merely another trick, it was feared that it might cause the President to postpone his message or to change his mind about sending it in. Now, those fears are all past, Gen. Lee and all the Americans who desire to leave are safely out of Cuba, and the message is before Congress. Consequently there is a feeling of contentment because it is known that long deferred justice is about to be meted out to Spain by the United States; that vexatious delays are over.

Congress is practically a unit, although there are a few individuals who would prefer proceeding a little differently, and by the middle of the week the authority will be placed in the President's hands to use the U. S. army and navy to drive the Spanish out of Cuba, and before the week closes Cuba is likely to be surrounded by the most formidable fleet of warships this country has ever assembled under one commander, and the steps will have been taken that will send the necessary troops to be landed on Cuban soil to co-operate with our ships. The plans are all made, the ships have up steam and only await the final order to start. The only thing that can upset our program now is the showing of the white feather by Spain, but those who are thoroughly conversant with the Spanish character as well as with existing political conditions in Spain think that a big bluff at making an aggressive war upon the United States will be made and kept up until there is danger not only of Spain losing Cuba but her other colonies and her entire navy. Then she will, through the European powers, sue for peace. Meanwhile, it is known that the Spanish programme is not to openly fight our navy, but to try to use its fastest cruisers and torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers to damage our commerce and sea-coast towns and endeavor to keep out of the way of our heavy fighting ships. They will find, however, that this will be a very dangerous sort of game to engage in.

What a world of contrast it is! While Congress is listening to a message from the President that means war, thousands of happy children are gathered upon the grounds at the rear of the White House engaged in the sport—peculiar to Washington—of rolling Easter eggs to the music of the entire Marine band, which plays at the express order of the President to add to the enjoyment of the little ones. There can be little doubt that the President as he looks out over these joyous children finds far more enjoyment in contemplating their play than he does in looking forward to the war.

Some idea of the amount of work that is now being done at the Washington Navy Yard—not upon ships, but upon guns, gun carriages and ammunition—may be gained from the fortnightly pay roll, which amounts to \$55,000.

In view of the war now almost upon us, the following opinion of Col. Jed. Hotchkiss, of Virginia, who was on Stonewall Jackson's staff, is interesting, if not important: "I put a very small valuation on big battle ships. They are formidable in looks, but what can they accomplish? If two of them fired at each other simultaneously and both struck, two ships would undoubtedly go to the bottom. One shot will settle the business of the best one ever built. They are too clumsy, too heavy, too slow to get away. The best fighter is the one who can retreat quickly, and to do that there must be little impediment."

Wasting in Children

can be overcome in almost all cases by the use of Scott's Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil and the Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. While it is a scientific fact that cod-liver oil is the most digestible oil in existence, in

SCOTT'S EMULSION

it is not only palatable, but it is already digested and made ready for immediate absorption by the system. It is also combined with the hypophosphites, which supply a food not only for the tissues of the body, but for the bones and nerves, and will build up the child when its ordinary food does not supply proper nourishment.

Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion. See that the man and fish are on the wrapper. All druggists, 50c. and \$2.00. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

little weight. When men centuries ago, shrouded both rider and steed in armor they thought they had done something wonderfully clever, but the steel-clad combination wasn't worth a continental. Our big war vessels I regard as a repetition of that ancient blunder." It should be remembered that Col. Hotchkiss did all his fighting on land.

There is a prejudice against the issue of bonds of any kind, among Senators and representatives, but with war in sight, and nearly all of that \$50,000,000 appropriation gone, it is realized that more money must be had than will be brought in by the proposed doubling of the tax on beer, the increasing of the tax on all kinds of manufactured tobacco, and the placing of a tax on various commercial papers, and that bonds must be issued. The Ways and Means committee has prepared two bills, the first providing for the issue of \$100,000,000 in bonds, as a temporary loan, and the second for from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000, as a permanent loan. These bonds will be payable in coin and to bear 3 per cent interest. If it becomes necessary to issue them they may be offered to the public at par, instead of being sold in a lump to capitalists. At least that seems to be the present intention.

Robbed The Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at J. W. Kelly's drug store.

FROM CLEVELAND.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

CLEVELAND, Va., April 11.—Why don't some Christian gentlemen or lady stand up in the Richmond District, in Wise county and speak a good word for the saloon? Because good people never want the saloon, but every man who fears God and loves his wife, his children or his sweetheart stands against it. The very thought of having this devouring monster brought in reach of his neighbors or children. And while some respectable people may vote for license they must be so doing because in very bad company, for all know that the class who want the saloon includes every thief, every liar, every tramp and every gambler. These want saloons, for that is the element in which they propagate and procreate. It is their home, it fits them as snug as a glove. To the money argument in favor of a saloon there need be no reply, it is a niggard and mendicant to deserve respectable consideration. It is like the souls of those who foster it, so enervated and little that one could rattle a score of its kind in an empty corn-shell. When a man becomes greedy of alibi here that the first thing he reaches for is money he is worth nothing to himself and less to his fellow men.

The parent who welcomes the saloon because of the money it brings has a price set on his boy, and that price says, "money first and my boy next." The father who will deliberately use his ballot to open up the saloon in his town or community and thus set whiskey before his boys, is no more fit to train children than a swine is to run a dry-goods store. If you vote to license the saloon in your midst you virtually invite your boy to become a drunkard. When you vote for whiskey you vote against the happiness of your home, your wife and your children. When you vote for license you vote for ruin, you vote for rags and ruin to come, if you vote for license, 'tis awful to tell. The result may lead your children to hell.

Do Not Be Fooled

With the idea that any preparation your druggist may put up and try to sell you will purify your blood like Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine is the result of years of study and experiment. It is prepared under the personal supervision of educated pharmacists who know the nature, quality and medicinal effect of all the ingredients used. Hood's Sarsaparilla absolutely cures all forms of blood disease when other medicines fail to do any good. It is the World's Great Spring Medicine and the One True Blood Purifier.

FROM SERGEANT.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

SERGEANT, Ky., April 11.—Several cold days the past week. Mercury lingered around the 20 point Wednesday and Thursday. I think all the apples are killed, and of course the peaches are too. This young folks had a big ball at Joe W. Craft's Saturday night.

A little girl of W. R. Blair's was frightfully burned Thursday evening at its home on Colly by its clothes catching fire.

Allens Jess has gone to Bull creek to meeting.

The infant daughter of Sam. T. Webb is quite ill at this writing.

Married at Colly April 7, Mr. George Brown to Miss Martha Jane. Here's an abundance of joys to you and yours George while sailing along life's eventful road.

Messrs. Fairchild and Fields were here surveying this week. There's a land dispute out in "the diggins."

The extreme cold weather the past week caused a sensation in family circles here and hereabouts.

Workings are as thick as hen's teeth. Wiley Craft, Joe's Wiley, has returned from Norton, Va., with goods.

Hucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetters, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no cure required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Kelly.

FROM STONEGA.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

STONEGA, Va., April 12.—There were 7 distinct and separate sermons in the Presbyterian church on last Sunday. Beginning at four past seven o'clock, the Trustees met in the church hall for an hour after which the regular preaching service was held. At half-past 2 o'clock the Sabbath School Easter Service took place and it was a most enjoyable feast, as the church had been liberally and tastefully decorated for the occasion. By invitation of John A. Esser, the Superintendent of the Sabbath School from Louisa creek, headed by their Superintendent, these John Esser and enjoyed the services and all departed expressing delight and thanks for what they saw and heard. Superintendent Esser sent the engine and coach to Appaehia for the Louisa Creek school and returned them in like manner. The Hungarians met again after the Easter service. At 6:45 the U. E. Society of the church had a three-quarters of an hour meeting preceding the evening preaching service, which lasted another hour. Rev. P. Kiesecon conducted the church service and preached two powerful sermons. John A. Esser conducted all the Sabbath School exercises, and the musical part, in which he takes special pains to have well performed, was the feature of the day. Miss Edna Barstow presided at the organ, and had the training of the children, all of whom did their parts like veterans, both in song and speech.

On next Sabbath Rev. S. B. Vaughn will preach in the church here and Rev. P. Kiesecon will preach at the Gap.

The new evens are being fired as soon as they are ready, and it will be long till 500 of them will be producing the best coke in the world.

A slaughter house is nearly complete and work on the bakery will begin at once, and the Stonegans will shortly be enjoying their own home slaughtered fresh meats, and also the choicest Vienna bread, cakes and pies from their own bakery.

Col. James B. Richmond, of Gate City has agreed to lead a regiment in case of war with Spain and has requested Mr. H. J. Ayers, of this place to form a company to be attached to his brigade. Col. Richmond commanded a regiment during the late war at the age of nineteen. Capt. Sloop who was his quarter-master then will probably act in the same capacity for the Colonel. The regiment will be made up from Scott, Lee and Wise counties.

WISE DEPARTMENT.

CHAS. T. KILGORE, Editor.

Local and Otherwise.

Easter passed off very quietly.

Miss Alice Flannery returned Saturday from a visit to relatives and friends at Big Stone Gap.

Dr. Kelly was here from Big Stone Gap last week.

Misses Nettie Kilgore and Virgie Gilliam spent Easter with relatives at Coeburn.

R. L. Kilgore went to Norton Saturday.

Ciero Hamilton, of Indian Creek, spent Easter at this place.

C. F. Flannery accompanied by his daughter, Miss Alice, left Monday evening for Louis-ville, Ky.

Mrs. E. M. Fulton and Mrs. R. P. Hamilton went to Coeburn on a shopping expedition Wednesday.

Wiley Thompson, of Lee, was in town last week.

Atty. Hobart Miller, of Coeburn, came to Wise Monday.

Circuit court is still in session.

T. W. Owens, after spending several days at Coeburn, returned home Monday evening.

J. C. Richmond is quite sick at this writing.

Rev. L. O. Adams filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday morning.

R. L. Kilgore is having his residence on West Main street repaired.

W. B. Renfro was here from the Pound Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Greear, who has been sick for some time is convalescent.

Mrs. Glen Scott came up from Norton Saturday.

Mon. Dan Trigg, of Abingdon, is attending circuit court at this place.

Hon. W. E. Buras, of Lebanon, is in town.

R. T. Irvine came up from Big Stone Gap Monday.

Rev. J. F. Giles arrived in the city Monday. He will preach for us during the year.

Oscar Guy, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Vears, died Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock after an illness of about 3 weeks. The remains were interred in the city cemetery at 11 o'clock today (Wednesday).

Another shooting affair occurred near Donkey Saturday in which Noah Hall shot Dork Mullins. It is thought Mullins will die. Hall is in jail.

There is a 13 year old boy in the county jail charged with stealing bacon. A good paddle would save a multitude of costs.

Jos. L. Kelly, of Big Stone Gap, and E. H. Ould, of Norton, were in the city Tuesday.

Married.

Mr. Evan Collier and Miss Sophronia Dale were married on last Friday evening at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. L. Dale.

Your friends may smile

But that tired feeling

Means danger. It

Indicates impoverished

And impure blood.

This condition may

Lead to serious illness.

It should be promptly

Overcome by taking

Hood's Sarsaparilla,

Which purifies and

Enriches the blood,

Strengthens the nerves,

Tones the stomach,

Creates an appetite,

And builds up,

Energizes and vitalizes

The whole system.

Be sure to get

Only Hood's.

Sale of Electric Light Plant.

Pursuant to the provisions of a deed of trust executed to me by trustees by H. J. Wilcox and Emma L. Wilcox to secure to the Big Stone Gap Electric Light and Power Company the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), payable in installments, recorded in the Clerk's Office of Wise County in Deed Book No. 34, page 218, default having been made in the payment of the sums of money secured by the said deed, and having been thereunder required by the beneficiaries in said deed of trust, I will on the

10TH DAY OF MAY, 1898,

at the front door of the Intermont Hotel, in the town of Big Stone Gap, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all that tract or parcel of land in the town of Big Stone Gap, containing fifty-four one-hundredths of an acre, also all the light or power house, boiler house, and other buildings, boilers, dynamos, pumps, and all other machinery whatsoever in, about and upon said tract of land, and every part thereof, and also all poles, wires, conduits, lamps, fixtures, articles and things whatsoever constituting, comprising, or in any way belonging to said plant in the town of Big Stone Gap, or any part thereof, and also all rights, privileges, and franchises whatsoever of the said H. J. Wilcox appurtenant to or in any wise relating to the said Electric Light Plant or to the workings thereof whether conferred and acquired by statutory provisions or by or from the town of Big Stone Gap aforesaid or otherwise howsoever, together with all buildings, ways, easements, rights, members, privileges, franchises, advantages, benefits, emoluments and appurtenances to the same respectively belonging or appertaining; being the same premises which the Big Stone Gap Electric Light and Power Company conveyed and assigned unto the said H. J. Wilcox.

G. W. LITTLE, Trustee.

April 10th, 1898.

Good Meat!

CARNES & CO.,

WOOD AVE., Big Stone Gap.

Is the place to get good meat.

all kinds. We keep them

best. Meat and the delicious

part of the city.

GIBBS & CO.,

Broom Makers,

Big Stone Gap, Va.

Orders by mail promptly filled.

Cash paid for broom-corn.

They banish pain

and prolong life.

ONE GIVES RELIEF

THEY BANISH PAIN